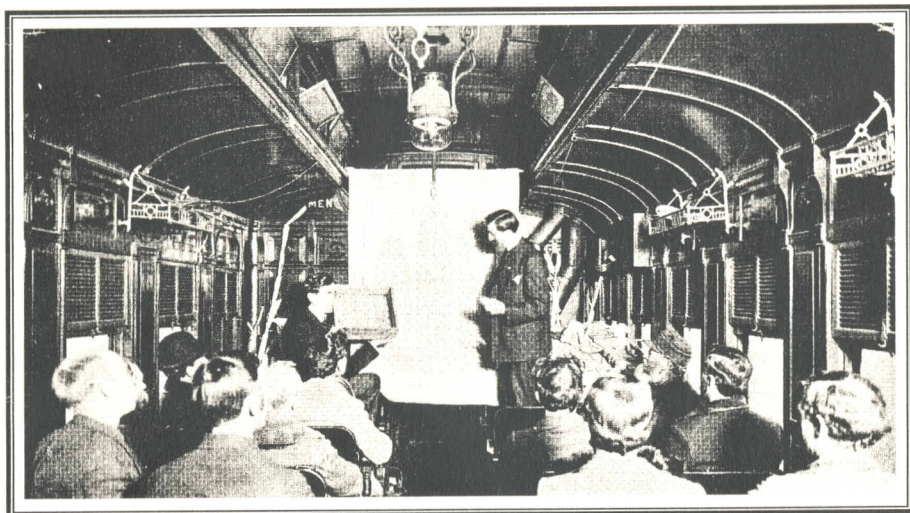


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Schedule of Events

Thursday

Local Transportation Shuttles, 7:00-9:00 am

Holiday Inn, University Park Inn & Suites, Memorial Union Hotel and Scheman Building

Registration opens, 7:30 a.m.—2nd Floor Lobby, Scheman Building

Thursday: 8:30-10:00 am

1. Landscapes Caught in the Rural-Urban Interface—Room 250

Land-use Control, Local Politics, and Exurbia
Mark Friedberger, Texas Christian University

The Garbage in the Garden: How Rural Areas Have Become the Ultimate Destination for Trash
Angie Gumm, Iowa State University

Modernization and Preservation of the Countryside—England's Inter-war Preoccupation
David Jeremiah, University of Plymouth

Chair and Comment: Jim Sherow, Kansas State University

2. Less-Traveled Roads: Finding a Useful Past in Sick Cows, Potlucks, & Mule Deer—Room 252

Dairy Cows and Dangerous Milk: Genoa Indian Boarding School and the Spread of Tuberculosis
Joe Lamb, University of Nebraska—Lincoln

Potluck Meals: Unifying Agents of the Great Plains
Nathan Sanderson, University of Nebraska—Lincoln

The Ebb and Flow of Wildlife and Agriculture at Lake Andes, South Dakota
David Nesheim, University of Nebraska—Lincoln

Chair and Comment: Charles Vollan, South Dakota State University

3. Crafting Commodities, Making Markets, Rationalizing Reality: Science and Technology Studies of Agriculture—Room 260

Growing a Business: Global Commodity Chains, the Boundaries of Tobacco Firms, and the Social Construction of an Agricultural Commodity, 1826-1937
Barbara Hahn, Texas Tech University

The "Agricultural Eye": Value, Expertise, and Imagined Landscapes in Mid-Nineteenth Century Agricultural Improvement
Emily Pawley, University of Pennsylvania

Soil Surveys and the Capitalist Development of the U.S. Great Plains
Jeremy Vetter, Dickinson College

Do Agricultural Statistics "Perform" Agriculture?
Emmanuel Didier, CNRS—CESDIP

Chair and Comment: Deborah Fitzgerald, MIT

Thursday, 10:00-10:30

Morning break—Room 220-240

Thursday, 10:30-NOON

4. Publishing Agricultural History—Room 250

Claire Strom, Moderator, North Dakota State University
Randal Hall, Rice University
Jeannie Wayne, University of Arkansas
Connie Lester, University of Central Florida
Virgil Dean, Kansas State Historical Society
Richard Hoyle, University of Reading

5. New Perspectives on the New Deal—Room 252

"What Spam did for Pork Shoulder": Agricultural Corporatism during the New Deal and World War II

Paul Burnett, University of Pennsylvania

Farm Bill Debate: Social Consensus on Value of the Chinese Idea of Ever Normal Granary in the Great Depression

Chaomin Li, Shanghai University/Iowa State University

Chair and Comment: David Hamilton, University of Kentucky

6. Public Health and Policy in the Countryside—Room 260

Local and Universal Knowledge: Food Environments, Vitamins, and the Lewis Land Struggle
Alesia Malz, Antioch University

Community Identity, Rural Women's Leisure, and Rural Community Health: What are the Connections?

Deborah Stiles, Nova Scotia Agricultural College

What Population Health Science Can Learn From Integrative New Deal Policy Experiments
Marilyn Sinkewicz, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Chair and Comment: Jane Adams, Southern Illinois University

7. Race, Ethnicity, and Struggle—Room 262

Experiments in Land Reform and Racial Justice: Rural African-American New Deal Resettlement Communities, 1935-2006

Jess Gilbert, University of Wisconsin, Madison

"A Triumph in Prejudice": Race Policy in the Federal Extension Service, 1913-1970
Carmen V. Harris, University of South Carolina Upstate

Chair and Comment: Valerie Grim, Indiana University

Thursday, 12:00-2:00

Lunch, on your own

Editorial Board Meeting, 606 Ross Hall, Iowa State University Central Campus

****Airport Return Shuttle Assignments—pick-up at 2nd Floor Registration Desk**

Thursday, 2:00-3:30

8. Asian Farmers and American Labor: Challenging White Domination of the Soil—Room 250

Defending the "American Farm Home": Gender, Family, and the Anti-Japanese Movement in California, 1913-1924

Cecilia M. Tsu, University of California, Davis

Agriarianism for the Industrial Age: Land, Labor, and Henry George

Tamara Venit, Stanford University

Competing Visions for the Future of the American Farm

Michael J. Meloy, California State University, Sacramento

Chair and Comment: David Vaught, Texas A&M University

9. Women Agriculturalists: Image and Experience—Room 252

The Farmer's Daughter

Barbara J. Dilly, Creighton University

Liquid Gold: The History of Honey in American Life

Gillian L. Little, University of Missouri-Kansas City

Eliza Pinckney: Female Landownership in Early South Carolina

Alissa Franck, North Dakota State University

Chair and Comment: Jane M. Pederson, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

10. Modernizing the European Countryside—Room 260

The Irish Agricultural Advisory Service: Exploring Methodologies for Reconstructing Rural Change
Joanne Banks, Humanities Institute of Ireland

Reforming English Bee Culture: The Cottager and Scientific Societies in the 1870s
Adam W. Ebert, Iowa State University

Modernization and Democratization in the Dutch Countryside in the 19th Century
Anton Schuurman, Netherlands Research Institute

Chair and Comment: Mark Finlay, Armstrong Atlantic State University

11. Building Pastoral Dreams—Room 262

✓ *Classy Cattle and Pastoral Visions: The Winterthur Farm of Henry F. du Pont*
Anna Thompson Hajdik, University of Texas at Austin

✓ *George E. Waring Jr. of Ogden Farm, RI: Scientific Agriculture in Theory and Practice, 1853-1877*
Jon A. Peterson, Queens College, CUNY

Chair and Comment: Debra Reid, Eastern Illinois University

Thursday, 3:30-4:00

Afternoon break—Room 220-240

Thursday, 4:00-5:30

Presidential Address—Room 220-240

✓ *The Squatter in Nineteenth Century America*
Donald J. Pisani, University of Oklahoma

Introduced by Jess Gilbert, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Vice President/President Elect

Thursday, 5:30-6:30 pm

Local Transportation Shuttles—*Scheman, Holiday Inn, University Park Inn & Suites, Memorial Union Hotel, Residence Halls, Reiman Gardens*

Thursday, 6:00-8:00

Opening Reception, Reiman Gardens, Iowa State University (light dinner, cash bar, **registration for reception by June 18 absolutely required**)

Thursday, 7:00-9:00 pm

Local Transportation Shuttles—*Reiman Gardens, Scheman, Residence Halls, Memorial Union Hotel, Holiday Inn, University Park Inn & Suites*

Thursday, 8:30-11:30

Graduate Student Meet-Greet-and-Network, the M-Shop, Memorial Union, Iowa State University (soft drinks provided, cash bar)

Friday

Local Transportation Shuttles, 7:00-9:00 am

Holiday Inn, University Park Inn & Suites, Memorial Union Hotel and Scheman Building

Registration, 7:30 a.m.—2nd Floor Lobby, Scheman Building

Friday, 8:00-9:30

12. Catholics in the Countryside—Room 250

The Role of Religion in the Farmworker Movement: Support and Opposition from Institutions, Religious, and the Laity in the 1960s and 1970
Amanda Eder, North Dakota State University

Catholicism and Agriculture in Central Minnesota
Tim Hoheisel, Kansas State University

The Mission San Lucas Toliman: Toward a Resolution of Rural Poverty in Guatemala and Spiritual Poverty in Rural Minnesota
Jeffrey Kolnick, Southwest State University, Minnesota

Chair and Comment: Christopher Curtis, Iowa State University

13. Meeting the Challenges of Post World War II Agriculture in the American Midwest—Room 252

✓ *Pork Queens, Pork Chops, and Pigskin: The Iowa Porkettes and creating professional identity in rural women's organizations, 1960-1991*
Jenny Barker-Devine, Iowa State University

Cultural Conceptions, Economic Realities: The Missouri Farmers Association, Taxes, and the Family Farm
Ryan Stockwell, University of Missouri

✓ *From Remodeling to Ranch Houses: Iowa Farm Housing, 1945-1960*
J. L. Anderson, University of West Georgia

Chair and Comment: David Danbom, North Dakota State University

14. Cultivating the "Next" Agricultural History in Britain and Ireland—Room 260

Introduction
Richard Hoyle, University of Reading
Mark Overton, University of Exeter

Before 1700

Hoyle
The English Agricultural Revolution
Overton

1800-1939

Nicola Verdon, Sheffield Hallam University

15. Mechanizing the Midwest—Room 262

Technology in Transition: Cast Iron and Wrought Iron Plows in the Midwest
Leo E. Landis, Living History Farms, Iowa

The Tractor and the Family Farm: Harvest and Heartbreak in the Corn Belt
Derek S. Oden, Iowa State University

"Bringing in the Sheaves": The Origin of the Twine Binder System
Wade Franck, Iowa State University

Chair and Comment: Thomas Burnell Colbert, Marshalltown Community College

Friday, 9:30-10:00

Morning break—Room 220-240

Friday: 10:00-11:30

16. New Directions in Roman Agricultural History—Room 250

The Cincinnatus Tradition in Roman Estate Management
Brendon Reay, Wellesley College

Renegotiation of Elite Status in the Roman Agricultural Landscape
Ethan Spanier, University of Washington

Roman Agriculture and the Ideal of Self-Sufficiency
David Hollander, Iowa State University

Chair: Rachel Myers, Iowa State University
Comment: Timothy Howe, St. Olaf College

17. Agricultural Kansas—Room 252

Exceptional Kansan Farmer and Businessman, Junius Groves, and the Science of Agriculture
Tisa M. Anders, Independent Scholar

Voting Patterns and Farm Values in Kansas, 1950s
Sam Garchik, Kirkwood Community College

Chair and Comment: Virgil Dean, Kansas State Historical Society

✓ 18. Agricultural History: A Conversation—Room 220-240

Pamela Riney-Kehrberg, moderator, Iowa State University
Allan G. Bogue, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Margaret Beattie Bogue, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Lowell Dyson, AHS, Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus
Gilbert Fite, University of Georgia
Joan Jensen, New Mexico State University
Richard Kirkendall, University of Washington
Richard Lowitt, University of Oklahoma
Dorothy Schwieder, Iowa State University

19. Globalizing Agriculture: A Multi-Disciplinary Discussion of the Changing Nature of Agricultural Development and Trade—Room 260

Panelists:
Anne Eftland, Global Agricultural Markets Branch, Economic Research Service, U.S.
Department of Agriculture (moderator)

Cornelia Butler Flora, Director, North Central Regional Center for Rural Development and
Charles F. Curtiss Distinguished Professor Agriculture and Sociology, Iowa State University

Gerald E. Klonglan, Professor Emeritus, Rural Sociology, Iowa State University

John Pesek, Professor Emeritus, Agronomy, Iowa State University

Richard Cruse, Professor, Department of Agronomy, Iowa State University

Friday Afternoon:

Noon--

Field trips: Living History Farms, Pioneer Hi-Bred, John Deere, Living History Farms. See registration insert for information.

2:00-5:00 pm

Executive Committee meeting: 606 Ross Hall, Iowa State University Central Campus.

Friday, 5:30-6:30 pm

Local Transportation Shuttles to Banquet—*Holiday Inn, University Park Inn & Suites, Memorial Union Hotel, Scheman*

Friday Evening, 6:30-8:30:

Awards Banquet, Scheman Building (Registration paid in advance. Cash bar.)

Friday, 8:30-9:30 pm

Local Transportation Shuttles from Banquet—*Holiday Inn, University Park Inn & Suites, Memorial Union Hotel, Scheman*

Saturday

RWSA Breakfast--Local Transportation Shuttles, 6:30-7:00 am

Holiday Inn, University Park Inn & Suites, Memorial Union Hotel, Residence Hall and Scheman

Saturday Morning, 7:00:

RWSA Planning Breakfast, Friends' Meeting House, 121 S. Maple, (Register in advance, sign up for shuttle transportation)

Local Transportation Shuttles, 7:00-9:00 am

Holiday Inn, University Park Inn & Suites, Memorial Union Hotel, Residence Hall and Scheman

Saturday: 8:30-10:00

20. Rural Life Styles and Adjustments—Room 250

Redefining Farming Using a Lesbian Feminist Model
Vivianne Holmes, University of Maine Cooperative Extension

Patriots at Home: Farm Men and Women in the Post-War World
Kristy J. Medanic, Iowa State University

Let's Race to the Fair! Agricultural Expositions and the Rural Roots of American Motor Sports
Daniel J. Simone, University of Florida

Chair and Comment: Pete Daniel, National Museum of American History

21. Writing Rural Reform—Room 252

"That the Union of the Labor Forces Shall Be Permanent": Kansas Populist Newspapers and the Homestead and Pullman Strikes

Bruce C. Carruthers, University of Kansas

Coker F. "Father" Clarkson: Agriculture, Journalism, and Iowa History, 1855-1890

Thomas Burnell Colbert, Marshalltown Community College

✓ *Wendell Berry and the Development of a Community-Centered Vision of Farming*
Jeffrey M. Fillipiak, Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design

Chair and Comment: Brian Cannon, Brigham Young University

22. Issues of Domestication—Room 260

✓ *Breed Improvement and 19th Century Urban Cattle Markets*
Robyn S. Metcalfe, Boston University

The Development of Fishpond Aquaculture in the Colonial Period
Strother Roberts, Northwestern University

Central Baltic Coastal Aqua-Agriculture and the Expansion of Feudalism
Goran Hoppe, Uppsala University
Hele Kiimann, Uppsala University

Chair: Andrejs Plakans, Iowa State University

Comment: Richard Willham, Iowa State University, Hank Harris, Iowa State University

Saturday, 10:00-10:30

Morning break—Room 220-240

Saturday, 10:30-12:00

✓ 23. Special Collections tour of agricultural history materials—Bus leaves from East Side of the Scheman Building hosted by Tanya Zanish-Belcher, Director of Special Collections, Parks Library, Iowa State University. (Shuttle transportation to and from Parks Library)

24. The Culture of Animal Husbandry—Room 250

"Grow Your Own Fur Coat: The Rise and Fall of Chinchilla Farms in the United States
Jeff Charles, California State University, San Marcos

Of Pigs and Men: The Importance of Hogs in the Early Republic
Tom Kanon, Middle Tennessee State University

Oxen, Water Buffaloes, Donkeys, and Camels: Humans and Other Animals in Ottoman Egypt
Alan Mikhail, University of California, Berkeley

Chair and Comment: Claire Strom, North Dakota State University

25. Disruption in the Countryside after the Great War—Room 252

Peasant Youth, Political Fragmentation, and the Rise of Nazism at the End of the Weimar Republic
John Abbott, Independent Scholar

A Canadian "Shadow" Movement: The United Farmers' Co-operative Company and the Ontario Farm Progressive Political Challenge
Robin Wylie, Douglas College

Chair and Comment: Deborah Fink, Independent Scholar

26. Region, Race, Religion and the Interpretation of Rural Experience: Through the Lens of Women's History—Room 260

Introductory remarks:
Anne Eftland, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Panelists:
Joan Jensen, New Mexico State University, moderator
Valerie Grim, Indiana University
Melissa Walker, Converse College
Beth Graybill, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society
Dorothy Schwieder, Iowa State University
Melody Miyamoto, Coe College

Saturday, 12:00-1:30

Lunch, on your own

Saturday, 12:00-2:00

Please claim your winnings and pay for your items at the Silent Auction—Room 220-240

Saturday, 1:30-3:00

27. Exploring the Intersections of Agricultural and Environmental History—Room 250

The South's Greatest Enemy? The Boll Weevil in Agricultural and Environmental Contexts
James C. Giesen, Mississippi State University

Burned to be Wild: Agricultural Practice and Ecological Knowledge
Albert G. Way, University of Georgia

Chair and Comment: Deborah Fitzgerald, MIT

Comment: Sara Gregg

28. Agribusiness and Farm Structure—Room 252

The Movement of Surplus Rural Wealth into Non-Farm Investments in Nineteenth-century Kalamazoo County, Michigan

John T. Houdek, Western Michigan University
Charles F. Heller Jr., Western Michigan University

California's Exceptional Farmers' Markets: A Political and Institutional History
Louise Nelson Dyble, California Institute of Technology

The Political Etymology of "Agribusiness"
Shane Hamilton, University of Georgia

Chair and Comment: Donald Pisani, University of Oklahoma

29. Reconceptualizing the Agricultural Ladder: Success and Failure in Rural America—Room 260

California's Bottom Rung: Sharecroppers and Renters after the Gold Rush
Alexandra Kindell, Iowa State University

The View from the Cotton: The Southern Tenant Farmers Union From the Ground Up
Jason Manthorne, University of Georgia

Reconsidering the Ladder of Tenure: A Case Study in Midwestern Agricultural Tenancy
Robert Welch, Iowa State University

Chair: J. L. Anderson, University of West Georgia
Comment: Melissa Walker

30. Cultivating Tourism in Agricultural History—Room 262

One Crop Worth Cultivating: Tourism in the Upper Great Lakes, 1910-1960
Aaron Shapiro, USDA Forest Service

Fish, Fun, and Family: The Development of Minnesota's Rural Resorts
Susan S. Rugh, Brigham Young University

Interstate Highways and the Tourist Turn in Rural America
William Philpott, Illinois State University

Chair and Comment: Hal S. Barron, Harvey Mudd College

Saturday, 3:00-3:30
Afternoon break—Room 220-240

Saturday, 3:30-5:00
31. Research and Crop Cultures—Room 250

Constructing an Agricultural Empire of Grapevines: The New York Scene (1820s-50s)
Erica Hannickel, University of Iowa

Developing Tools to Understand the Nature of Tobacco Mosaic Virus in the Early 20th Century
Karen-Beth G. Scholthof, Texas A&M University

Chair and Comment: Debra Reid, Eastern Illinois University

32. Agricultural Transition in the Late Nineteenth Century—Room 252

Grasslands Frontiers of the Australian Outback and American Southwest: A Comparative Study of Cattle Economies, Environment, and Enduring Myth
Leland Turner, Angelo State University

Land Use, Soil Fertility, and Livestock population in Post-Civil War Northern New England
Christopher Harris, Northeastern University

Virginia Agriculture and the Civil War
Leonard John Lanier, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Chair and Comment: Bonnie Lynn Sherow, Kansas State University

33. Liberty Hyde Bailey: New Interpretations and Assessments—Room 260

Biocentric Farming? Liberty Hyde Bailey's Challenge to the Intellectual History of Environmental Ethics.
Ben A. Minteer, Arizona State University

Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century with a Little Help from Liberty Hyde Bailey
Frederick L. Kirschenmann, Iowa State University

The Role of Nature Study in Liberty Hyde Bailey's Planetary Agrarianism
Paul A. Morgan, West Chester University

Liberty Hyde Bailey and the Relation of Expertise and Democracy in Agricultural Extension Work
Scott J. Peters, Cornell University

Chair and Comment: Paul B. Thompson, Michigan State University

34. Cultivating New Computer Technologies—Room 262

Integrating the World Wide Web into the Historical Profession: Dissemination of Historical Content on the Internet *web history in state - cd of index*
Rick L. Woten, Iowa State University

Database Design and the Southern Plantation Economy
Richard Follett, University of Sussex

Mapping Concord Husbandry: Using GIS on the Web for Local History
Brian Donahue, Brandeis University

Chair and Comment: Allan G. Bogue, University of Wisconsin

Friday, 4:30-5:30 pm
Local Transportation Shuttles—Holiday Inn, University Park Inn & Suites, Memorial Union Hotel, Scheman

Thank you for joining us in Ames this year. We look forward to seeing all of you next summer at the University of Nevada, Reno.